

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A battery comprising:
a power generating element having a positive electrode, a negative electrode, and a separator;
a battery case for housing the power generating element;
a battery cover for closing the battery case; [and]
a terminal provided for the battery cover;
a lead for electrically connecting the terminal [~~a terminal provided for the battery cover~~] and the positive electrode or the negative electrode[~~;~~]; and
a member, which is fit in the battery case, and by which [~~wherein~~] a part in which the lead and the positive electrode or the negative electrode are electrically connected to each other is sandwiched[~~by a member~~].
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Currently Amended) The battery according to claim 1 [~~or 2~~], wherein the member presses the part in which the lead and the positive electrode or the negative electrode are electrically connected to each other.
4. (Currently Amended) The battery according to claim 1 [~~or 2~~], wherein the member has insulating property.
5. (Currently Amended) The battery according to claim 1 [~~or 2~~], wherein the member is adhered to the battery case.
6. (Currently Amended) The battery according to claim 1 [~~or 2~~], wherein both of a part in which the positive electrode and the lead are electrically connected to each

other and a part in which the negative electrode and the lead are electrically connected to each other are sandwiched by the member.

7. (Currently Amended) The battery according to claim 1 [~~or 2~~], wherein the member is constructed by a plurality of members.

8. (Original) A method of manufacturing the battery according to claim 1, the method comprising:

- a step of electrically connecting the lead to the positive electrode or the negative electrode;

- a step of sandwiching a part in which the lead and the positive electrode or the negative electrode are electrically connected to each other by the member;

- a step of housing the power generating element in the battery case; and

- a step of bending the lead.

9. (Original) The manufacturing method according to claim 8, wherein the step of bending the lead is performed after the step of sandwiching the part in which the lead and the positive electrode or the negative electrode are electrically connected to each other by the member.

10. (New) The battery according to claim 1, further comprising:

- an aluminum foil which is a non-coating portion of the positive electrode and is projected in an upper end of the power generating element;

- a copper foil which is a non-coating portion of the negative electrode and is projected in a lower end of the power generating element;

- an inner bottom face provided for the battery case;

- a positive lead as one of the lead, which connects the aluminum foil to the terminal; and

- a negative lead as one of the lead, which connects the copper foil to the inner bottom face,

wherein the part is where the positive lead and the aluminum foil are electrically connected to each other.

11. (New) The battery according to claim 1, further comprising:
an aluminum foil which is a non-coating portion of the positive electrode and is projected in a lower end of the power generating element;
a copper foil which is a non-coating portion of the negative electrode and is projected in an upper end of the power generating element;
an inner bottom face provided for the battery case;
a positive lead as one of the lead, which connects the aluminum foil to the inner bottom face; and
a negative lead as one of the lead, which connects the copper foil to the terminal, wherein the part is where the negative lead and the copper foil are electrically connected to each other.

12. (New) A method of manufacturing the battery according to claim 10, the method comprising:
a step of electrically connecting the positive lead to the aluminum foil and connecting the negative lead to the copper foil;
a step of housing the power generating element in the battery case;
a step of welding the negative lead to the inner bottom face;
a step of sandwiching the part in which the positive lead and the aluminum foil are electrically connected to each other by the member; and
a step of bending the positive lead.

13. (New) The manufacturing method according to claim 12, wherein the step of bending the positive lead is performed after the step of sandwiching the part in which the positive lead and the aluminum foil are electrically connected to each other by the member.